Earmarking of Office Flats for Registered Youth Educational and Social Organisations in Naraina Vihar

1159. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority in its recently completed Community Centre at Ring Road, Naraiana Vihar, New Delhi, has earmarked Some small office flats for registered Youth, Educational and Social Organisations at concessional reserved rent under the recently announced Prime Minister's Programmes for Youth upliftment and for their better avenues; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Delhi Development Authority does not let out office flats on rent.

Natural pesticides from Neem tree

1160. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Margosan-o concentrate from the Neem tree is believed to be effective against broad range of insects which have proven resistant to many chemical pesticides;

(b) whether it is also a fact that chemical companies of other countries are in search of natural pesticides as synthetic ones are increasingly causing health problems;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a U.S. company has acquired the process patents and trademarks for a natural insecticide from the Neem tree, abundant in India; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far for manufacturing of such natural pesticides in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) There are claims to this effect in the U.S.A.

(b) There are reports to this effect.

(c) According to a booklet issued by the Company, it holds an USA patent.

(d) Two natural pesticides, namely, Nicotine sulphate extracted from tobacco plants and Pyrethrins from *Chrysanthemum* flowers are already registered for manufacture and use in India. National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, has successfully developed enriched extract (Neemrich-I) which has high and persistent anti-oviposition activity against adult insects and short term but high anti-feedant activity against larvae of potato tuber moth. A simple chemical process for small-scale industry has been developed for commercial production of Neemrich-I. Also M/s. Herringer Bright Chemical Pvt. Ltd., Pune, are actively engaged in the development of the product 'Indiara', which is prepared from different plant materials.

Import of cereals and foodgrains

1161. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of cereals and food grains imported in the country duirng the last two years;

(b) the value of these imports along with the names of countries from which imports were made; and

(c) the quantity and the value of foodgrains and cereals exported during this period along with the names of those countries?